



Golden Star Gazette

May 2018

Gardner Road Elementary School

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Dear Gardner Road Families-

As you will see, our May and June calendar is full of great events and experiences for our Golden Stars at Gardner Road. Our PTO has been putting in a lot of work to revamp our spring event as a Spring Fling Blacktop Carnival - it sounds like a lot of fun! The PTO is also hosting our first Pint-Sized Heroes Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 1st from 3:00 – 7:00 in the gym. Thanks GRPTO to your dedication to our students, school and community!

May also brings us the annual district art show at the Arnot Mall running from May 1st – 14th. Gardner Road artwork will be on display near the Ruby Tuesday's entrance.

Our 4th graders will also celebrate their musical talents at our spring concert located at the high school on May 9th at 7:00 PM. Please come out to support our students and enjoy the show!

The Pop Tab drive that supports the Ronald McDonald House will end this month. Please send in any pop tabs you have to see if we can beat our total from last year.

We also look forward to meeting our newest students this month as we have our kindergarten orientation and screening. If you have not been contacted about these events and you have a kindergarten age child for the 2018-2019 school year, please call our office at 739-6347.

If you are starting to make plans for your summer, please see the details about the regional Summer of Innovation Series for students (page 2). Many of our students participated in these inquiry based activities the last few summers and the reviews are always excellent.

Stay up to date with other classroom and building highlights on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. We are looking forward to another great month at Gardner Road Elementary. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, thoughts or concerns.

Your Partner in Learning,

Patrick Patterson - Principal



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Gardner Road School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tardy Bell – 8:15 AM

Gardner Road Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Elementary Lunches (K-6)

Breakfast: \$ 1.25 Lunch \$ 2.10

Moishe's Quote of the Month:

“The noblest art is that of making others happy.” P.T. Barnum

Main Office Updates

Scholastic Book Fair:

Our spring Book Fair will be on the evening of Friday, May 18th. Students will also have a chance to visit the book fair during the school day. Be on the lookout for more details and thanks to our PTO volunteers for all they do for our students.

Summer of Innovation – Summer of 2018:

Several organizations from across the Southern Tier have united to offer unique learning opportunities for children and young adults during the summer months. These organizations have a common goal of extending the traditional school year into a third summer semester. Offerings have another purpose as well - to provide students with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills that are essential to their success in the future. Check out the details at

<https://www.gstbores.org/summerofinnovation/index.cfm>

The first week of May is Screen Free

Details came home the week before break. Students that participate will be able join Mr. Patterson in a kickball game in June.

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found bin is full to the brim. Are you missing your child's lunch pal, clothes, toys or more? Check out the lost and found tables during May and June events at school. Also feel free to look through the bin which is located as you enter the building.

Spring Clothing:

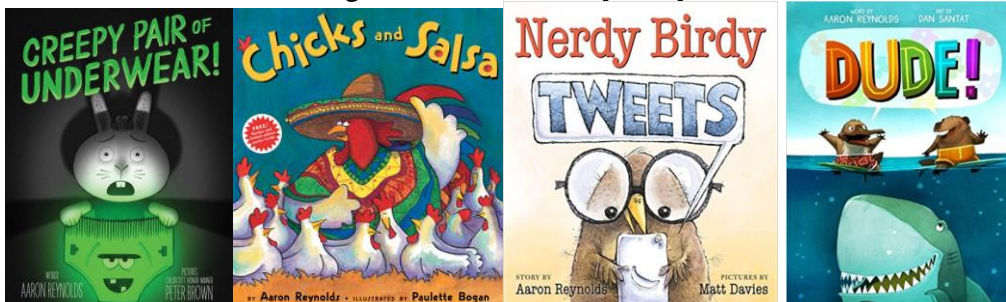
With the warmer weather coming, we will be seeing many summer type outfits. Please remember to check with your child to make sure that the shorts and shirts they are choosing to wear meet the Code of Conduct requirements. Short shorts, spaghetti straps and crop tops are not permitted for school attire. If your child chooses to wear sandals, they need to have straps and he/she must be responsible for bringing sneakers for playground and gym. Flip-flops **are not** appropriate for school. Thank you for helping us keep kids safe!



Aaron Reynolds is Coming to Gardner Road on May 21st

Aaron Reynolds has written many hilarious children's books including Creepy Carrots and Nerdy Birdy! The order form to purchase some of his books were sent out before break and in an email during break! In the meantime, check out

his books in our library or at his website at <http://www.aaron-reynolds.com/books.html> which also includes activities and games. We are looking forward to Monday, May 21st!



Kindergarten Orientation

Friday, May 12, 2017

8:45 – 10:15



April Snapshots:



Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

May 15, 2017 7am - 9pm

High School South Gym

Who is eligible to vote?

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote on May 15
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 15

Learn more about the budget and its development here: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/budget18-19.cfm>

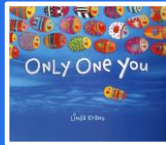
Questions? Call 739-5601, x4260 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

"We Succeed Because The Stars Lead!"



Character Education Corner:

We are continuing our learning of positive character as we are coming to a close on the school year. This month, we are highlighting our individuality and how we are each special with the book, Only One You as a "One School, One Book" experience. Be on the lookout for each student's painted rock as you enter the school. In June, we reflect on how we are our own hero with a Jared Campbell concert!



May's Character Trait is:

Character Education

Citizenship

- Help to make your community, school and world a better place
- Take responsibility for what goes on around you
- Participate in community service and help take care of the environment
- Treat others with respect and dignity

Character Matters
Horseheads Central School District

Horseheads Central School District's Mission & Vision:

Horseheads Central School District sets the standard of educational excellence by fostering innovative thinking, curiosity, and a passion for learning to maximize the potential of each individual. We engage with our local and global communities to provide a student-centered, nurturing environment.



Explore Empower Excel



Limit 3 shoes per family

Annual Gold Shoe Step It Up Challenge!

Can't find a shoe? Take a health risk assessment, sign up for a weekly newsletter, and you'll get a prize ticket! Find the link on: www.chemungcountyhealth.org

Bring your Gold Shoe to Tanglewood Nature Center June 9th at 10am to be eligible to win great prizes!

Search for shoes between May 1st—June 8th at:

Big Flats Community Park * Catharine Valley Trail * Chapel Park * Katy Leary Park * Park Station Pirozolo Park * Lackawanna Rail Trail * Chemung County Boat Launches * Eldridge Park Sperr Memorial Park * Tanglewood Nature Center * Thorne Street Park * The Holding Point

To report child abuse or neglect call toll free:

1-800-342-3720

or go to <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>



Substitutes Needed:

The Horseheads Central School District is seeking applications for substitute teachers, bus drivers and substitute teaching assistants. For information, please visit: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/subteach.html>

Human Resources Office: 739-5601, x4211

e-mail: hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX/DASA Coordinator and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Gardner Road Elementary is Patrick Patterson. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patrick Patterson at (607) 739 - 6347. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Megan Collins. Mrs. Collins may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845. 607-739-5601. x4211.

LISTEN TO THE RADIO. WRITE A LETTER. SHOOT SOME HOOPS. PAINT A PICTURE. PLANT A GARDEN. READ A BOOK. VOLUNTEER. READ TO SOMEONE ELSE. GO SWIMMING. MAKE A PUPPET SHOW. REDECORATE YOUR HOUSE. MAKE COOKIES. PLAY TAG. HAVE A GARAGE SALE. FLY A KITE. GO FOR A HIKE. PLAY CARDS. MAKE A FORT. HAVE A DANCE PARTY. START A ROCK BAND. BIKE RIDE. WRITE A PLAY. VISIT THE ZOO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR NATIONAL SCREEN-FREE WEEK?



April 30 - May 6, 2018
SCREENFREE.ORG

Horseheads Central School District



Spring
ART SHOW

May 1-14
2018

Arnot Mall
Horseheads, New York

101 SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITIES

At Home

1. Listen to the radio.
 2. Write an article or story.
 3. Paint a picture, a mural or a room.
 4. Write to the President, your Representative, or Senators.
 5. Read a book. Read to someone else.
 6. Learn to change the oil or tire on a car. Fix something.
 7. Write a letter to a friend or relative.
 8. Make cookies, bread or jam and share with a neighbor.
 9. Read magazines or newspapers. Swap them with friends.
 10. Go through your closets and donate items to Goodwill, the Salvation Army, or a local rummage sale. Have a garage sale.
 11. Start a diary/journal.
 12. Play cards.
 13. Make crafts to give as gifts. Try a new craft.
 14. Do a crossword puzzle or play Sudoku.
 15. Save money: cancel your cable TV!
 16. Learn about a different culture. Have an international dinner.
 17. Teach a child some of your favorite childhood games.
 18. Study sign language.
 19. Write a letter to your favorite author.
 20. Cook dinner with friends or family.
 21. Make cards for holidays or birthdays.
 22. Play chess, bridge, or checkers.
 23. Play charades.
 24. Have a cup of coffee and a conversation.
 25. Repair or refinish a piece of furniture.
 26. Make a wooden flower box.
 27. Wake up early and make pancakes.
 28. Read a favorite poem. Read poems by poets new to you
- ## Outdoors
29. Learn about native trees and flowers in your area.
 30. Plan a picnic or barbecue.
 31. Go bird watching. Learn the names of local birds.
 32. Walk the dog. Wash the dog.
 33. Plant a garden. Work in your garden.
 34. Take a nature hike.
 35. Feed fish or birds.
 36. Watch the night sky through binoculars and identify different constellations. Observe the moon.
 37. Learn to use a compass.
 38. Take photographs and then organize them into an album.
 39. Do yard work.
 40. Go camping.
 41. Take an early morning walk.
 42. Climb a tree.
 43. Watch a sunset; watch the sunrise with a friend.
- ## Around Town
44. Attend a community concert. Listen to a local band.
 45. Visit the library. Borrow some books.
 46. Visit a local bookstore.
 47. Visit the zoo.
 48. Visit the countryside or town. Travel by bus or train.
 49. Attend a religious service.
 50. Go to a museum.

- 51. Walk to work or school.
- 52. Attend a live sports event.
- 53. Look for treasures at a yard sale.
- 54. Try out for a play. Attend a play.
- 55. Collect recycling and drop it off at a recycling center.
- 56. Learn to play a musical instrument.

On the Move

- 57. Go roller skating or ice skating.
- 58. Go swimming. Join a community swim team.
- 59. Start a community group that walks, runs or bikes.
- 60. Organize a game of touch football, baseball, or softball in the local park.
- 61. Go for a bicycle ride.
- 62. Learn yoga.
- 63. Play soccer, softball or volleyball.
- 64. Play Frisbee.
- 65. Workout.
- 66. Go dancing. Take a dance class.

In Your Community

- 67. Organize a community clean-up or volunteer for charity.
- 68. Become a tutor.

- 69. Join a choir. Sing!
- 70. Start a bowling team.
- 71. Visit and get to know your neighbors.
- 72. Start a fiction or public policy book group.

With the Kids

- 73. Make paper bag costumes and have a parade.
- 74. Design a poster for Screen- Free Week.
- 75. Discover your community center or local park activities.
- 76. Blow bubbles.
- 77. Draw family portraits.
- 78. Build a fort in the living room and camp out.
- 79. Research your family history. Make a family tree.
- 80. Invent a new game and teach it to your friends.
- 81. Make a sign to tape across the TV during Screen-Free Week.
- 82. Play hopscotch, hide & seek, or freeze-tag.
- 83. Organize a neighborhood scavenger hunt.
- 84. Play board games with family and friends.
- 85. Clean up or redecorate your room.

- 86. Make puppets out of old socks and have a puppet show.
- 87. Write a play with friends. Perform it at a nursing home.
- 88. Construct a kite. Fly it.
- 89. Go on a family trip or historical excursion.
- 90. If it's snowing, go sledding or make a snowman.
- 91. Create a collage out of old magazine pictures.
- 92. Shoot hoops with friends. Play a round of H.O.R.S.E.
- 93. Make a friendship bracelet.
- 94. Create a cookbook with all your favorite recipes.
- 95. Tell stories around a campfire.
- 96. Plan a slumber party.
- 97. Bake cakes or cookies and invite friends for a tea party.
- 98. Construct a miniature boat and float it on water.
- 99. Write a letter to your grandparents. Make a special card.
- 100. Create sidewalk art with chalk.
- 101. Everyone! Have a huge party to celebrate a Screen-Free Week!



ACTIVITY LOG

Keep a log of what you did during Screen-Free Week. At the end of each day, write down or draw what you did that day by yourself, with your friends, and with your family. You'll be amazed how much more you can do when you go Screen-Free!

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Saturday

Sunday

By Myself

With Friends

With Family

THE FAMILY GUIDE TO A GREAT SCREEN-FREE WEEK

- **Try to get everyone in your family on board for Screen-Free Week.** If adults are fully committed, children feel everyone is sharing the experience and is taking it seriously.
- **Decide what “screen-free” means for your family.** Does it include email and text messaging? Are you still going to Skype with family members in another state or country? There’s no “right” way to do this, but make sure that you’re all clear about what your commitment will be.
- **Make plans together for the week.** Start planning in early April (or sooner) so that by the time Screen-Free Week rolls around, everything is in place and ready to go. Make sure that everyone (who can) has a specific responsibility and an equal vote on key decisions.
- **Set a calendar of activities and events for the week.** One goal of Screen-Free Week is to allow kids unstructured time to generate their own screen-free play and activities. But, especially if this is your first time participating as a family, you’ll want to make sure that you are not left twiddling your thumbs. It’s most important to schedule some family activities in the early part of the week so that everyone can adjust to being screen-free. If you need some help thinking of ideas, check out our list of [101 Screen-Free Activities](#).
- **Reclaim the family meal as a time for talking together and/or sharing stories.** Plan your meals ahead of time and include the entire family (when possible) in the preparation and presentation of the meal. Get creative with napkin folding. Are you going to use candles one night to make that dinner special? Think of different ways to spice up the evening... maybe a discussion about a book everyone in the family has agreed to read?
- **Include friends, relatives, and neighbors in what you are doing, even if it’s for just one day or evening.** Get together with other families at a park, play organized games or just hang out!
- **At the end of the week, talk about how you feel, what all of you have accomplished, and what aspects of the week you would like to keep going.** Is it worth it to make one night a week screen-free, with meals together and a game following dinner? Would it be a good idea to get together with extended family or friends one day or evening a week and do something different? The key is to find out how everyone feels, and share the pluses and minuses—both to figure out how to make Screen-Free Week even better next year and to reduce your dependence on screens all year round.



www.screenfree.org



American Red Cross

PINT-SIZE HERO

HOPE begins with you.



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive through the Pint Sized Heroes/ Future Blood Donor program. This program will introduce students to the importance of blood donation. Your student will have the opportunity to show leadership and help save lives by recruiting blood donors for our upcoming blood drive. You can support your student, our school and help save lives by donating blood. Each student who recruits one presenting donor will receive an American Red Cross Prize. Students are welcome to attend. There will be snacks, activities, and an opportunity to learn about the importance of giving back!

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE<<<<<<<<<<<<<<

**Gardner Road Elementary
Tuesday May 1
3pm – 7pm**

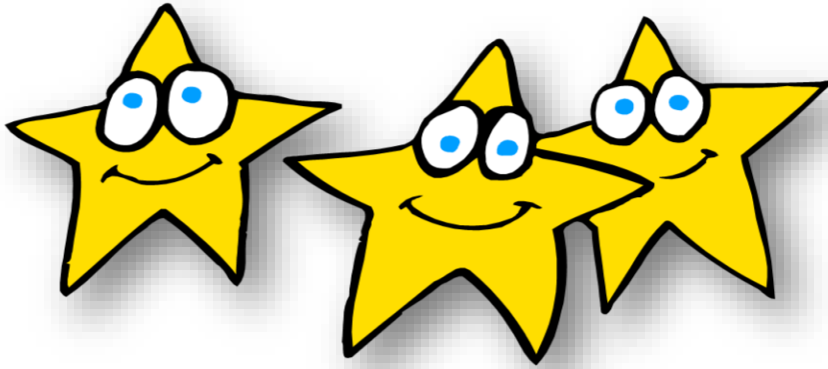
Easy ways to schedule your appointment!

1. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **Gardner**
2. Make your appointment on the Blood Donor APP or call 1800-REDCROSS
3. For a faster experience, use Rapidpass on the blood donor app or at: www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass (must be completed on day of donation)

For questions, please contact:

Justin Parker
Account Manager, American Red Cross
Phone/Text: 607.240.7223
Email: Justin.parker@redcross.org





**GARDNER ROAD PTO MAY 2018
NEWSLETTER**

SPRING FLING!!!

Gardner Road Black Top Carnival

Date: Friday, May 18

Join us for carnival games, inflatable's, food vendors, raffle baskets and much more!

The Book Fair will also be happen at this time!

Bring the whole family for fun and food.

We will be in need of volunteers for both the carnival and the book fair, if you are interested in volunteering please e-mail sarahcrouse818@gmail.com. Volunteer forms will be coming home in folders also.

**May 1:
Blood Drive at
Gardner Road**

**May 2 and 3:
Math Assessment**

**May 9:
Concert Grade 4,
7:00**

**May 11:
Kindergarten
Orientation, 8:45**

**May 18:
Spring Fling
and
Book Fair**

PTO BOARD:




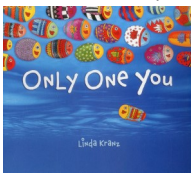







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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>April 30 <i>Day 5</i></p>  <p>Arnot Mall until May 14th</p>	<p>1 <i>Day 6</i></p>  <p>Save a Life. Give Blood Gym 3:00—7:00</p>	<p>2 <i>Day 1</i></p> <p>NYS Math Assess(3rd & 4th) BOE Candidate Forum—HS</p>	<p>3 <i>Day 2</i></p> <p>NYS Math Assess(3rd & 4th) Public Hearing District Budget—BOE 6:00 HS MMC</p>	<p>4 <i>Day 3</i></p> <p>2nd Grade to Tanglewood</p> 
<p>7 <i>Day 4</i></p> <p>“Only One You” Day</p> 	<p>8 <i>Day 5</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Day 6</i></p> <p>Spring Concert—HS Aud. 7pm</p> 	<p>10 <i>Day 1</i></p> <p>4th Grade to Chemung River</p>	<p>11 <i>Day 2</i></p> <p>Kindergarten Orientation 8:45—10:15</p>
<p>14 <i>Day 3</i></p> <p>Incoming Kindergartener Screening</p>	<p>15 <i>Day 4</i></p> <p>Incoming Kindergartener Screening</p> <p>Budget Vote/ BOE Elections HS 7 am—9pm</p>	<p>16 <i>Day 5</i></p>	<p>17 <i>Day 6</i></p> <p>Grade 4 Mobile Lab</p> 	<p>18 <i>Day 1</i></p> <p>SPRING FLING CARNIVAL</p> <p>BOOK FAIR 6PM—8PM</p> 
<p>21 <i>Day 2</i></p> <p>Aaron Reynolds Author Visit</p>  <p>3rd Grade to Tanglewood</p>	<p>22 <i>Day 3</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Day 4</i></p> <p>NYS Science Performance Assessment (4th)</p>	<p>24 <i>Day 5</i></p>	<p>25 <i>NO SCHOOL</i></p> <p>HAVE A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!</p> 
<p>28 <i>NO SCHOOL</i></p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p>29 <i>Day 6</i></p> <p>Last day to sign out library books</p>	<p>30 <i>Day 1</i></p> 	<p>31 <i>Day 2</i></p> <p>4th grade NYS Math Field Test</p> <p>Character Education at Home– Citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit a local, county, state or national landmark - Send thank you letters to community service providers - Learn about the American Flag - Volunteer as a family for a community service project 	



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Character Education Connection—Caring:</u> --Discuss how characters in a book show caring. --Help a neighbor --Discuss with your kids what/who they care about and why --Consider donating your time or items to your favorite charity --Help your child make a card/letter of caring to a friend or relative --Model random acts of kindness</p>				
<p>4 Day 3</p> <p>NYS Science Written Exam 4th Grade</p> <p>Chemung River Project Art Gallery—Arnot Art Museum 5:00</p>	<p>5 Day 4</p> <p>Senior Graduation Walk 1:30</p>  <p>Principal Chat 5:30 Library GRPTO 6:00 Library</p>	<p>6 Day 5</p>  <p><u>Evacuation Drill</u></p> <p>9:20—10:20</p>	<p>7 Day 6</p>	<p>8 Day 1</p>  <p>9:00 - Cafeteria</p>
<p>11 Day 2</p> <p>K to Tanglewood</p>  <p>6:00 Behind School</p>	<p>12 Day 3</p> <p>Grade 3 Mobile Lab</p> 	<p>13 Day 4</p> <p>3rd -Instrument Recruitment</p>	<p>14 Day 5</p> <p>End of MP 4</p> <p>Jared Campbell Concert</p> 	<p>15 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>18 Day 1</p>  <p>4th Grade Celebration</p>	<p>19 Day 2</p>  <p>Fun in the sun! Beginner Instrument Family Night 7pm HS</p>	<p>20 Day 3</p> <p>PK Celebration 9:30 Cafeteria PK Dismiss @ 10:40</p> <p>Dismiss at 11:00</p>	<p>21 Day 4</p> <p>Report Cards Home</p> <p>PK Dismiss @ 10:40 Dismiss at 11:00 22</p> 